

## TANAGRA MELANICTERA.

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### CHARACTER GENERICUS.

*Rostrum* conicum, acuminatum, emarginatum, basi subtrigonum, apice declive.

*Lin. Syst. Nat.* p. 313.

### CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

TANAGRA ferrugineo-fusca subtus lutea, pileo genisque nigris, alis albo longitudinaliter striatis.

*Lath. Ind. Orn.* p. 423.

TANAGRA supra ferruginea, subtus flavissima, capite nuchaque atris, alis albido-striatis caudaque fuscis.

*Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel.* p. 898.

TANAGRA melaniçtera.

*Guldenst. Nov. Comm. Petrop.* 19. p. 465.

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A Domino Gueldenstaedt in Actis Petropolitanis ita describitur Tanagra melaniçtera.

“ Magnitudine Tanagra melaniçtera Emberizæ miliaris æqualis est. Caput supra a fronte usque ad nucham et ad latera atrum ; collum supra et dorsum brunneo-ferrugineum ; uropygium lutescenti-ferrugineum ; avis tota subtus uniformiter flavissima. Alæ complicatæ caudæ medium attingentes, fuscæ, albido longitudinaliter striatæ ; remiges fuscæ, marginibus albidis ; tectrices superiores remigibus concolores, in-

feriores autem albido-flavæ. Cauda subforcipata, tres pollices longa; rectrices duodecim, fuscæ, marginibus albido-flavicantibus.

“Femina differt coloribus capitis et trunci; illa nimirum supra tota a fronte ad caudam usque sordide olivaceo-ferruginea fusco maculata, subtus tota ex albido flava.

“Habitat in submontanis promontorii utriusque, et septentrionalis et meridionalis Caucasi, circa thermas ad fluvium Terek obvias et in Georgia circa Teflisium.”



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*Spizella monticola*, of *S. Linn.*

## BLACK-CROWNED TANAGER.

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### GENERIC CHARACTER.

*Bill* conic, acuminated, a little inclining towards the point; the upper mandible slightly ridged, and notched near the end.

### SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Ferruginous-brown TANAGER, yellow beneath, with black crown and cheeks, and wings streaked with white.

Black-crowned TANAGER.

*Lath. Syn.* 2. p. 223.

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This species is described by Guldenstadt in the Petersburg Transactions. Its size is that of the common Bunting: the crown and cheeks are black, the neck and back brown-ferruginous, the rump yellowish-ferruginous, and the whole bird beneath deep yellow; the wings which, when closed, reach to the middle of the tail, are streaked longitudinally with white; the tail is slightly forked, measuring about three inches in length. The female differs in being entirely of a dull olive-ferruginous above, spotted with black, and beneath yellowish white.

It is an inhabitant of the Caucasian mountains and of the country of Georgia.